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News Release

Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia announced the sentencing today of Edmund A. Matricardi, III, age 35, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, by the Honorable James R. Spencer. The Court sentenced Matricardi to three years probation and a \$5,000.00 fine.

Matricardi pled guilty on April 1, 2003, to one count of Interception of a Wire Communication. Matricardi was the Executive Director of the Republican Party of Virginia (RPV). On March 20 and March 21, 2002, a Democratic official sent out an announcement by e-mail and fax to "Democratic General Assembly Members." It listed a dial-in telephone number and a participation code, which allowed access to a conference call involving members of the Joint Democratic Caucus about confidential legal and political strategy.

On March 22, 2002, Jane Doe passed on the telephone number and participation code to Matricardi. That afternoon, Matricardi secretly listened to the Democratic conference call for approximately two and one-half hours, recorded it, and later reported the contents of the call to others.

Also announcing the sentence are Donald W. Thompson, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richmond Field Division; and Gerald Massengill, Superintendent of the Virginia State Police.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Virginia State Police, and prosecuted by David T. Maguire and Stephen W. Miller, Assistant United States Attorneys.